

NO
PROBLEM...
THE FASTENERS
DETACHED
PROPERLY, SO
NOTHING'S
BROKEN.

HOW
ABOUT
USING YOUR
VERTICAL
GEAR,
ARMIN?

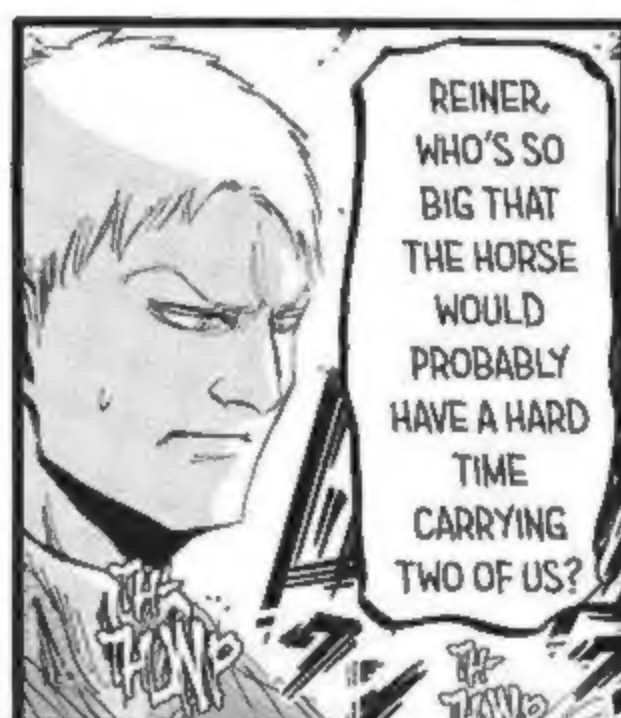
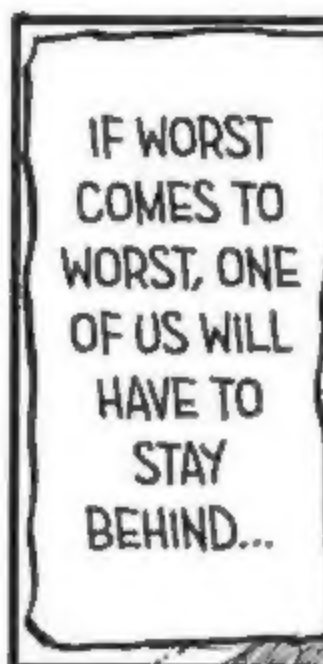
Episode 24: The Titan Forest



IF JEAN'S
HORSE COMES
BACK, THE
THREE OF US
WILL BE ABLE
TO MOVE...

BUT
WHAT ARE WE
GONNA DO?
WE'VE ONLY
GOT THE ONE
HORSE...

I SEE...
WELL,
THAT'S
GOOD.









IT SEEMS
LIKE ONE
OF US HAS
TO STAY
BEHIND...



WELL,
WE'VE GOT
A TOUGH
CHOICE TO
MAKE...

I SEE...

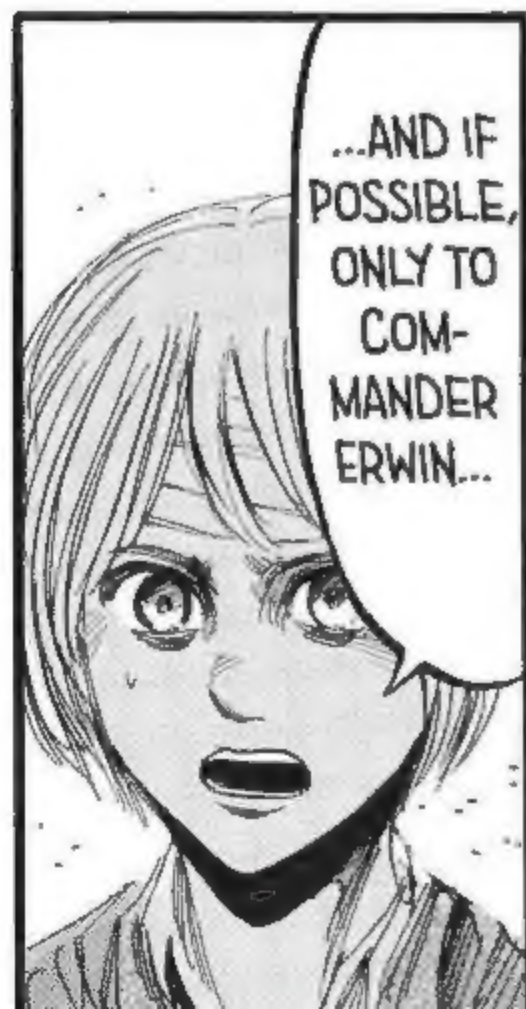


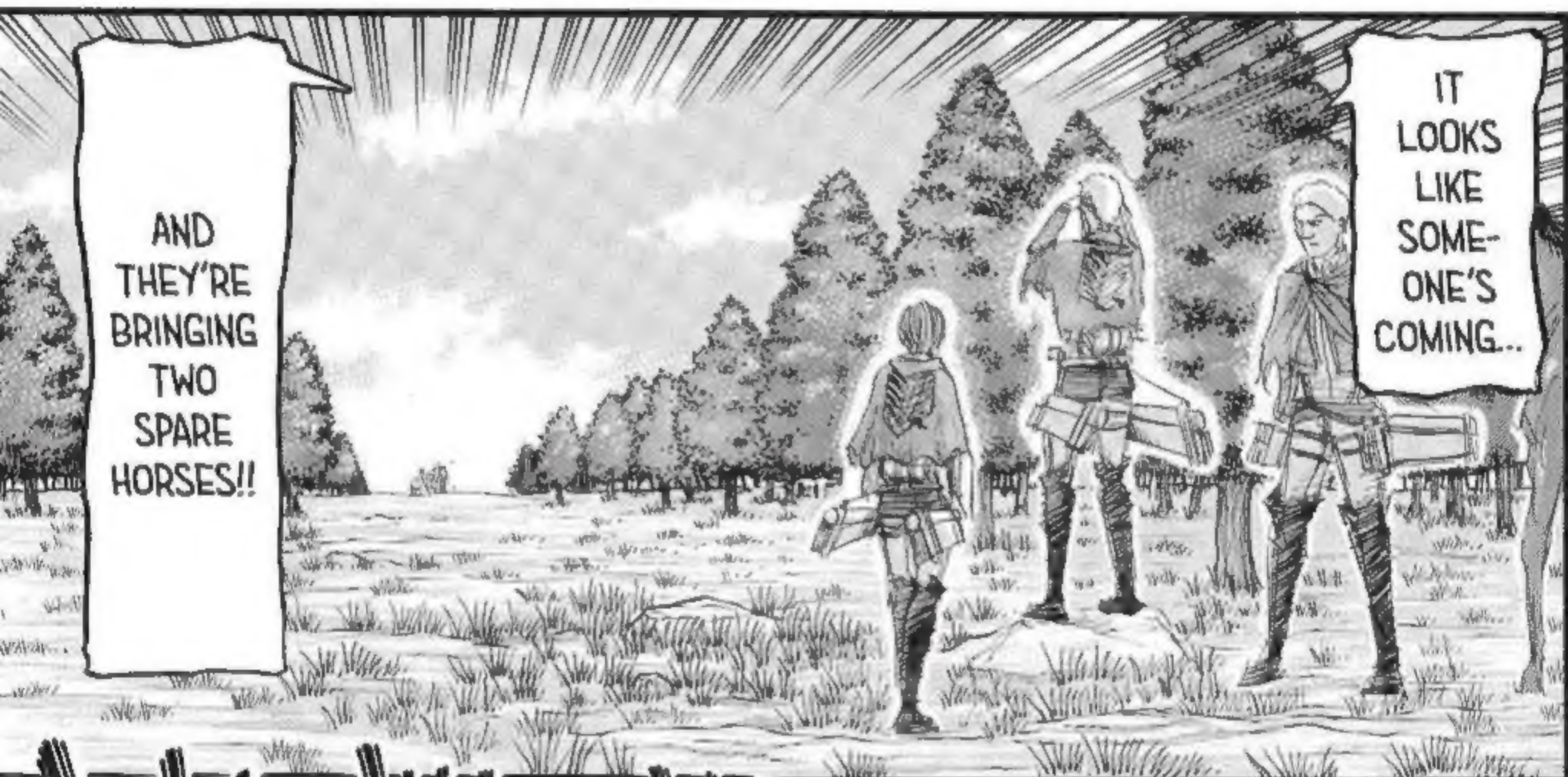
IF THE
FORMATION IS STILL
MOVING STRAIGHT ON,
THE THIRD SQUAD OF
THE FOURTH COLUMN
SHOULD BE IN THE
VICINITY.

BEFORE
WE DECIDE
ON THAT,
LET'S TRY
FIRING OFF
A FLARE.

WAIT...











...AND
I HAD
JEAN'S
HORSE
WITH
ME,
SO...

WELL,
I WAS
IN THE
AREA
ANY-
WAY...

I'M
GLAD YOU
WENT OUT OF
YOUR WAY TO
CHECK OUT
OUR
FLARE...



I'M
JUST
RE-
LIEVED
...

YOU
SAVED
OUR
LIVES.

IT
SEEMS
YOU HAVE AN
AFFINITY WITH
HORSES, NOT
TO MENTION
RARE SELF-
LESSNESS.



...THAT
THE
WORST
DIDN'T
HAPPEN.

I'M SO
HAPPY...



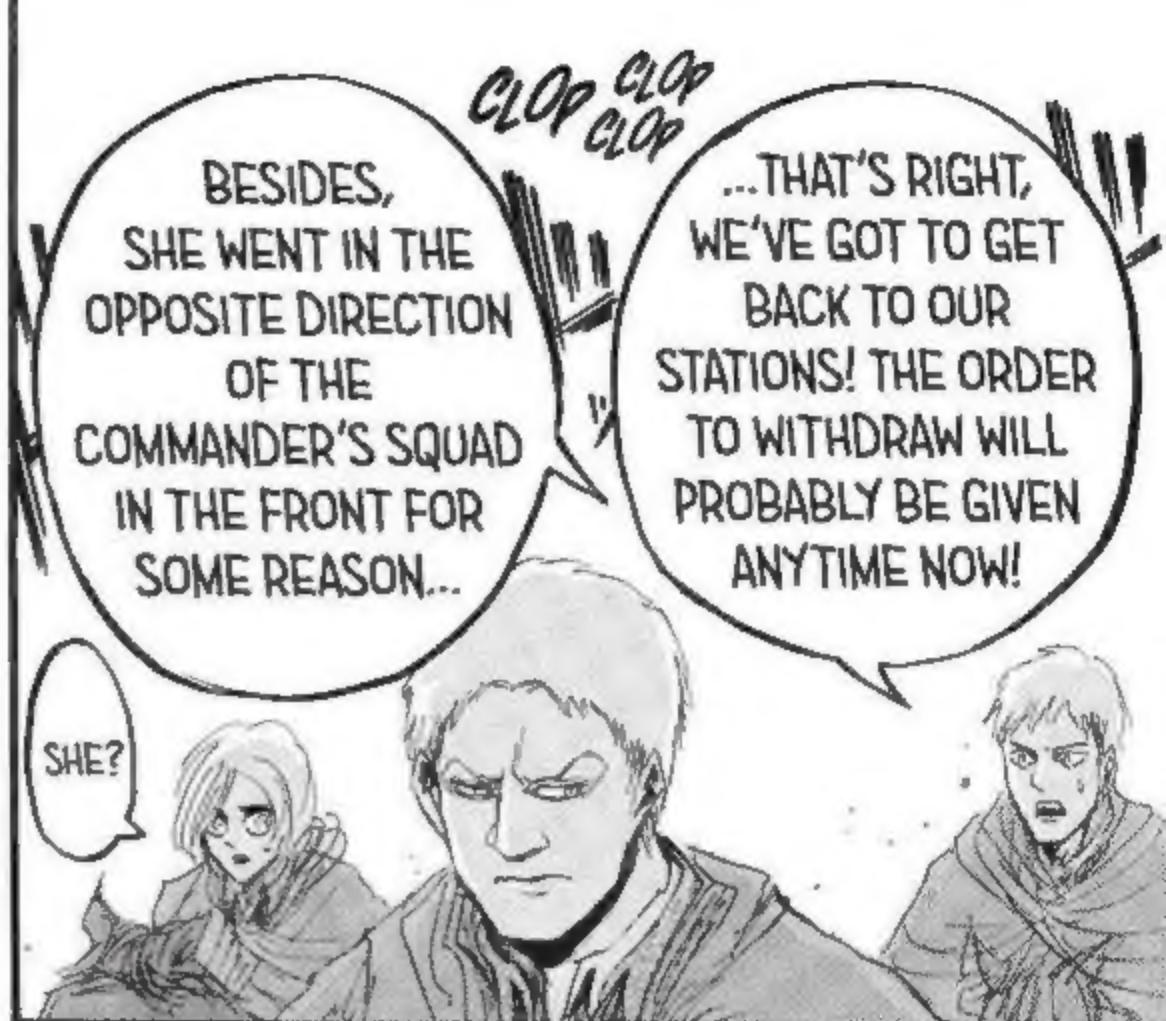
I
WANT
TO
MARRY
HER...

WE'D
BETTER
HURRY
BACK TO
THE FORMA-
TION.

GOD...

GOD-
DESS







EVEN
IF THEY DON'T
KNOW, IT'S
OBVIOUS WHAT
WE HAVE TO
DO IN THIS
SITUATION.



...BUT DON'T
TELL ME THE
COMMANDER'S
SQUAD HASN'T
SEEN THE
FLARES?

ALL
SOLDIERS
SUPPOSEDLY
HAVE THE RIGHT
TO DECIDE
WHETHER
CONTINUING THE
MISSION IS
IMPOSSIBLE...



FOLLOW
ORDERS.

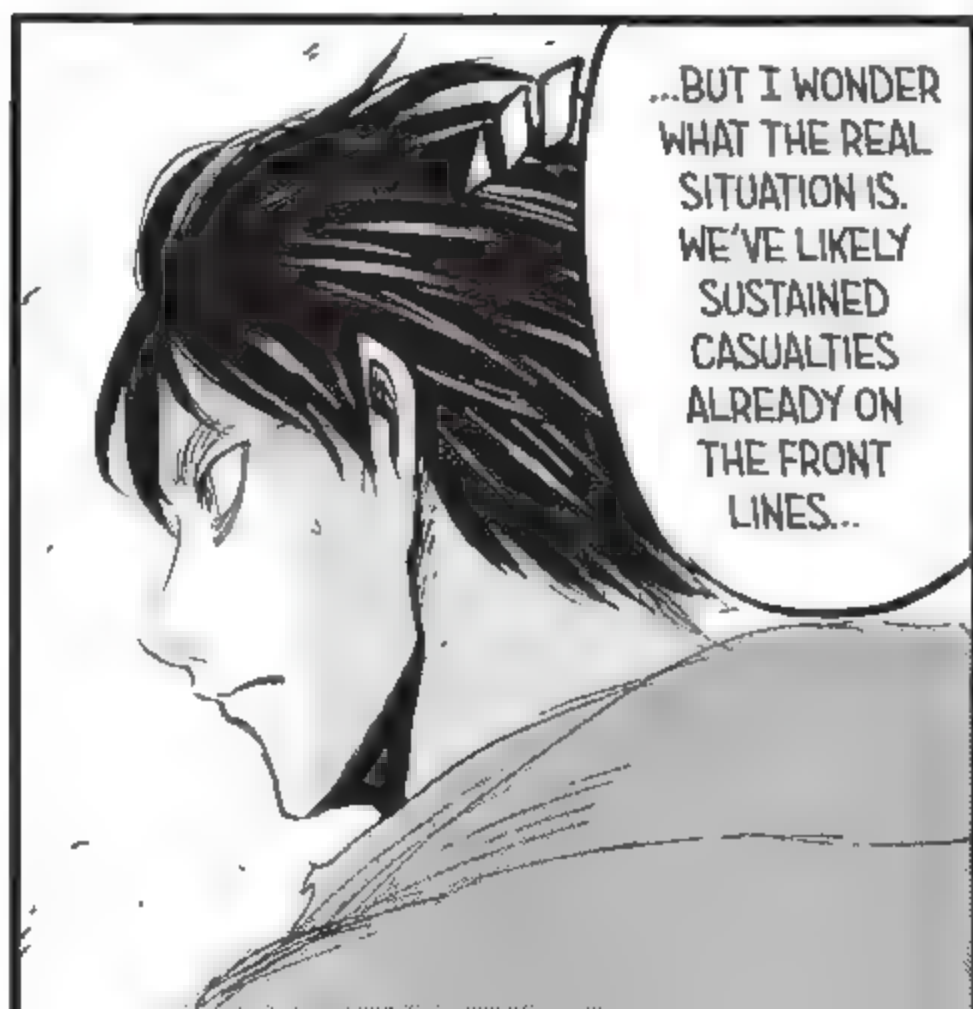


EVEN THOUGH
WE'RE OUTSIDE
THE WALL, THERE
ARE NO SIGNS OF
ANY TITANS... IS
IT BECAUSE WE'RE
IN THE SAFEST
POSITION IN THE
WHOLE
FORMATION?



YES,
SIR!

OLUO,
YOU
FIRE.



...BUT I WONDER
WHAT THE REAL
SITUATION IS.
WE'VE LIKELY
SUSTAINED
CASUALTIES
ALREADY ON
THE FRONT
LINES...

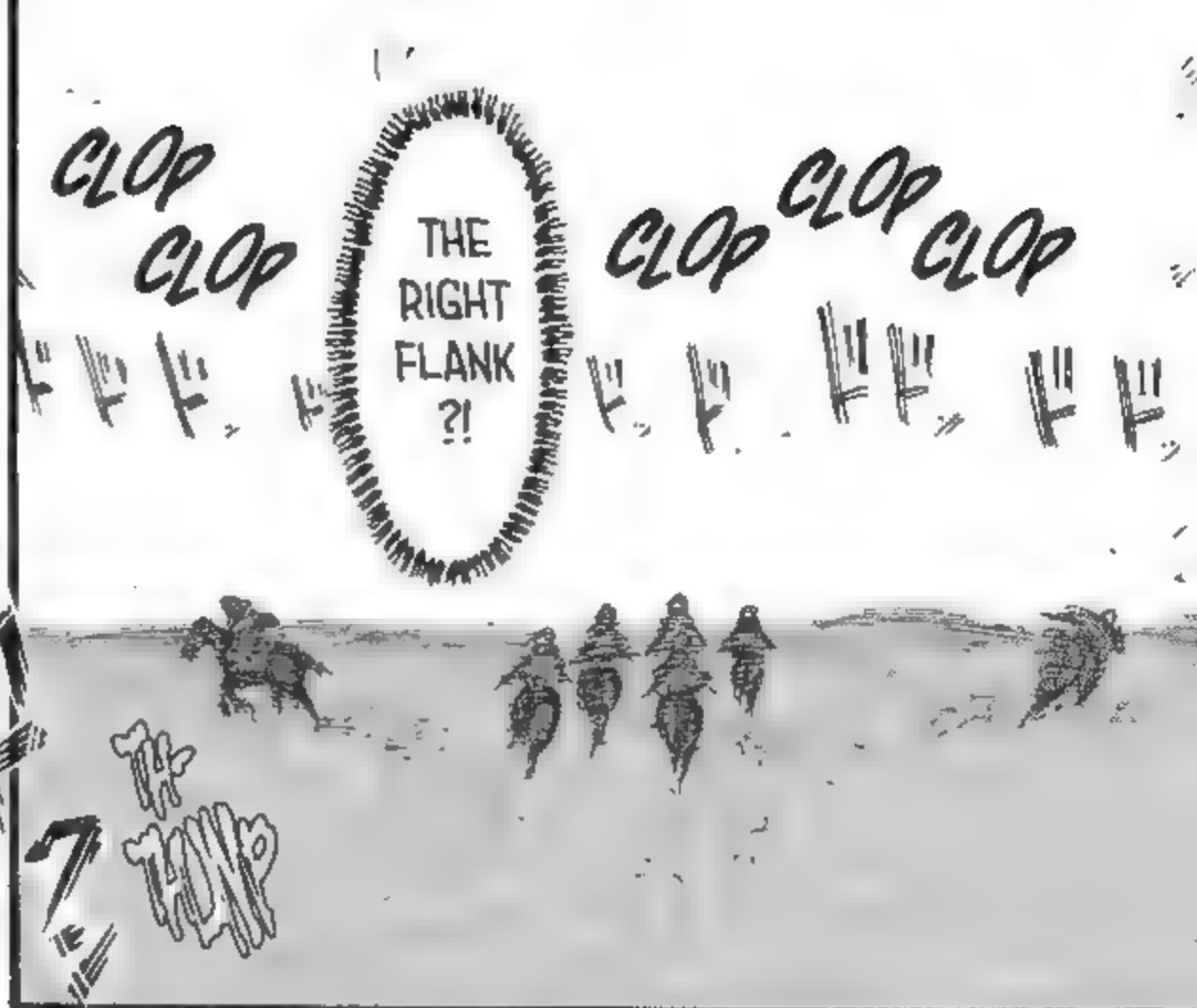


IT
FEELS
LIKE
EVERY-
THING IS
GOING
SMOOTHLY
AT THE
MOMENT...





THAT'S
WHERE
ARMIN
IS...



THE
TITANS
COULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN
THAT FAR
IN.



BUT I'M
SURE ARMIN AND
THE OTHER GUYS
ARE STATIONED
CLOSER TO THE
CENTER.



THERE'S
AN
ABNOR-
MAL?!

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

BLACK
FLARES
?!





THE
FORMATION
HAS BEEN
PENETRATED
THAT
DEEPLY...?

WHAT A
MESS...

CLOP
CLOP



CLOP
CLOP

YES,
SIR!

CLOP

EREN,
YOU
FIRE IT
OFF.



...RIGHT
OVER
THERE...

A
TITAN...



FLOOSH
FLOOSH

!!



...ARE
PEOPLE
BATTLING
IT?

...BELOW
THAT
FLARE...



FWWAGBOOOO



CLOP CLOP CLOP





OVER
HERE!



YOU...



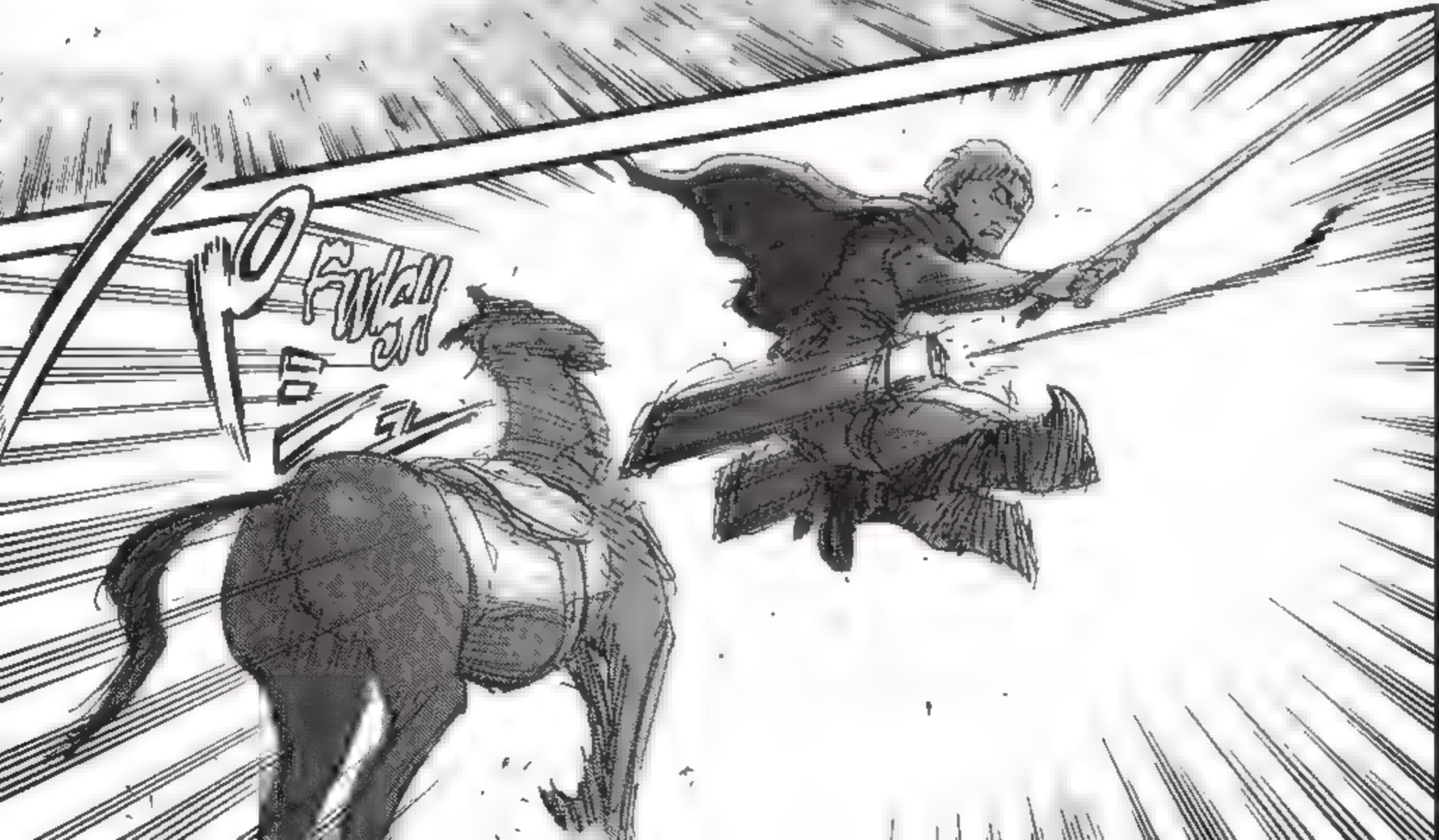
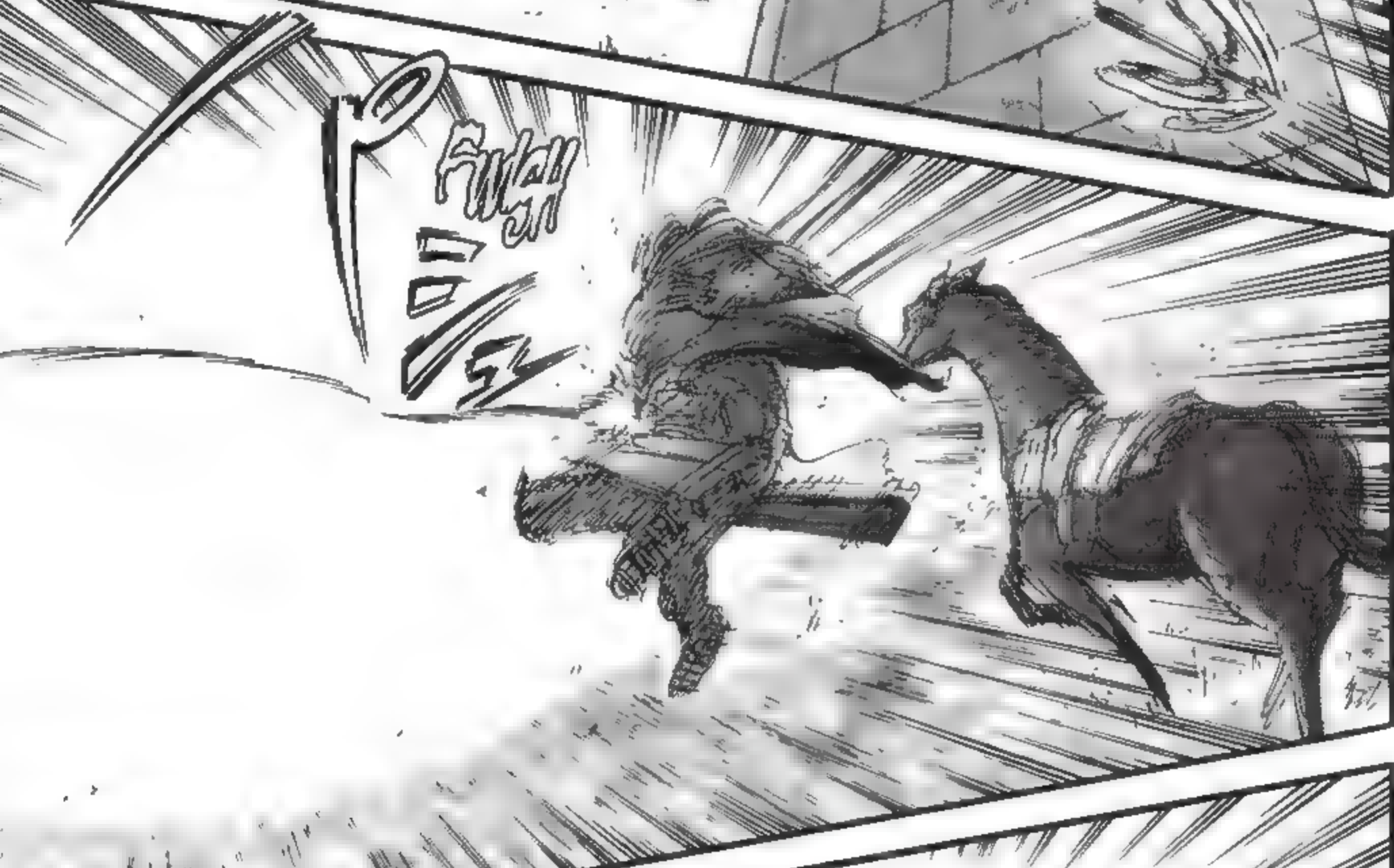
...SOZUSHI!




TH
THUMP












SEEMS
LIKE THIS
ONE'S A
CLEVER
AB-
NORMAL...

WE'RE
ATTACK-
ING FROM
THREE
PLACES
AT ONCE...

...BUT NO
WAY CAN
IT
DEFEND
AGAINST
ALL OF
US!

CLOP CLOP CLOP



YOU
KILLED MY
COMRADES,
MONSTER!

IF WE CAN CUT
ANY OF THE
TENDONS ALONG
ITS SPINE, IT
WON'T BE ABLE
TO WALK.

SO
WE'RE
GONNA
KILL
YOU BIT
BY BIT!

WHIZZ







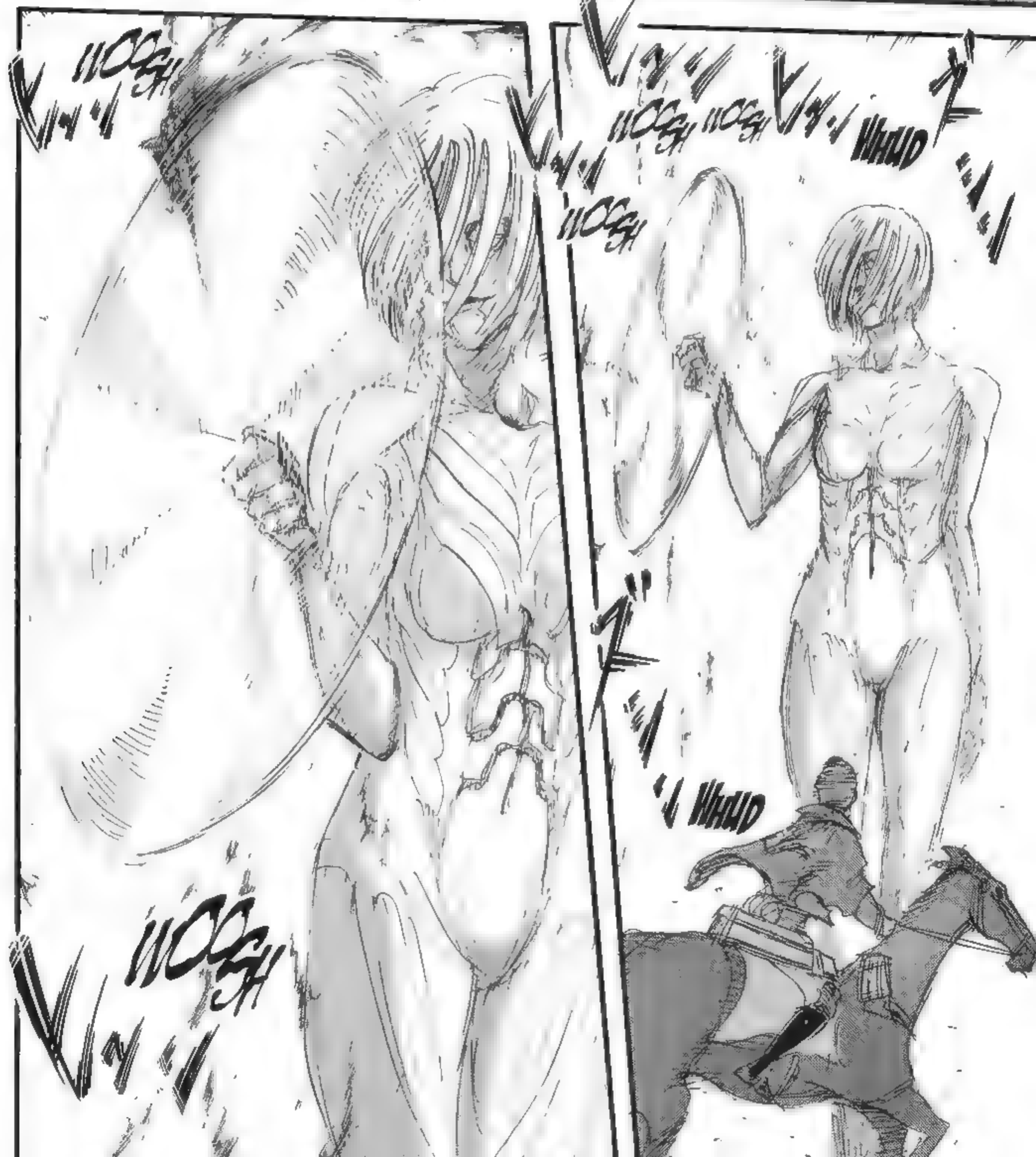
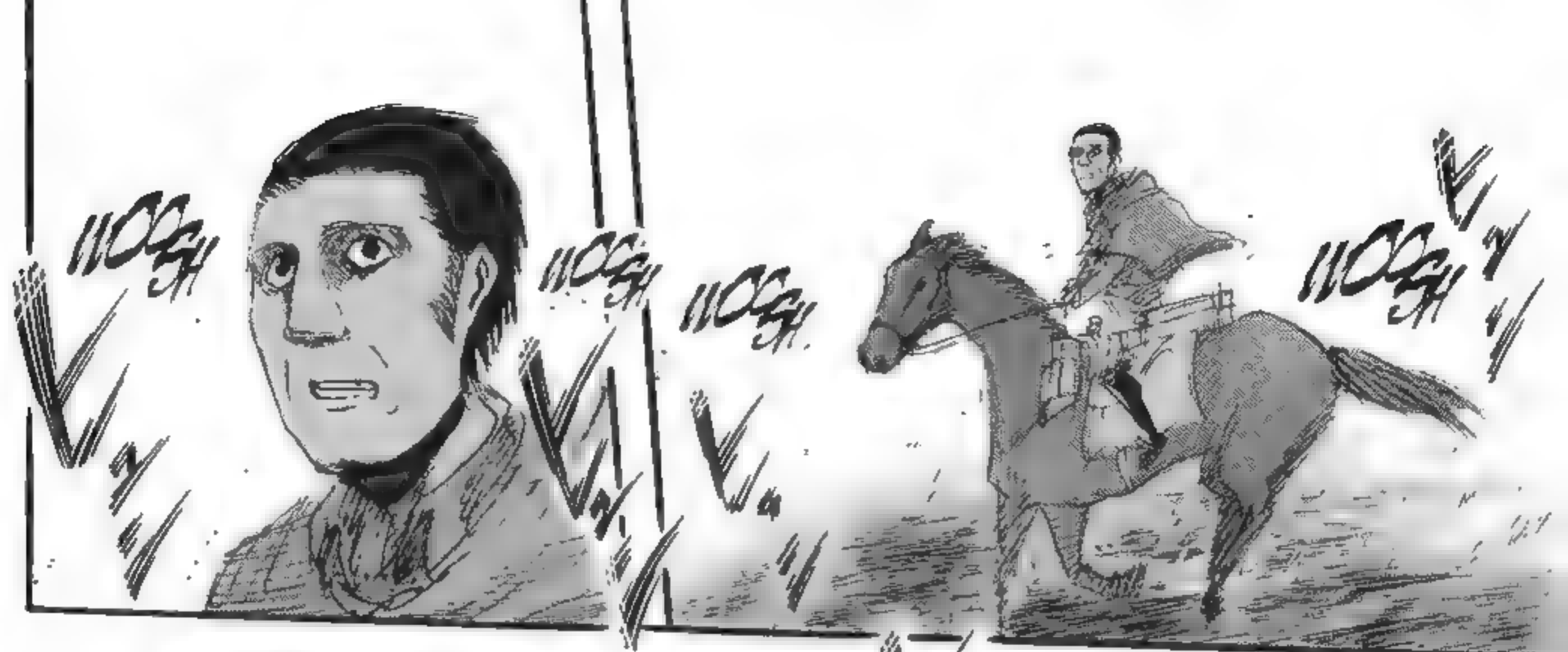
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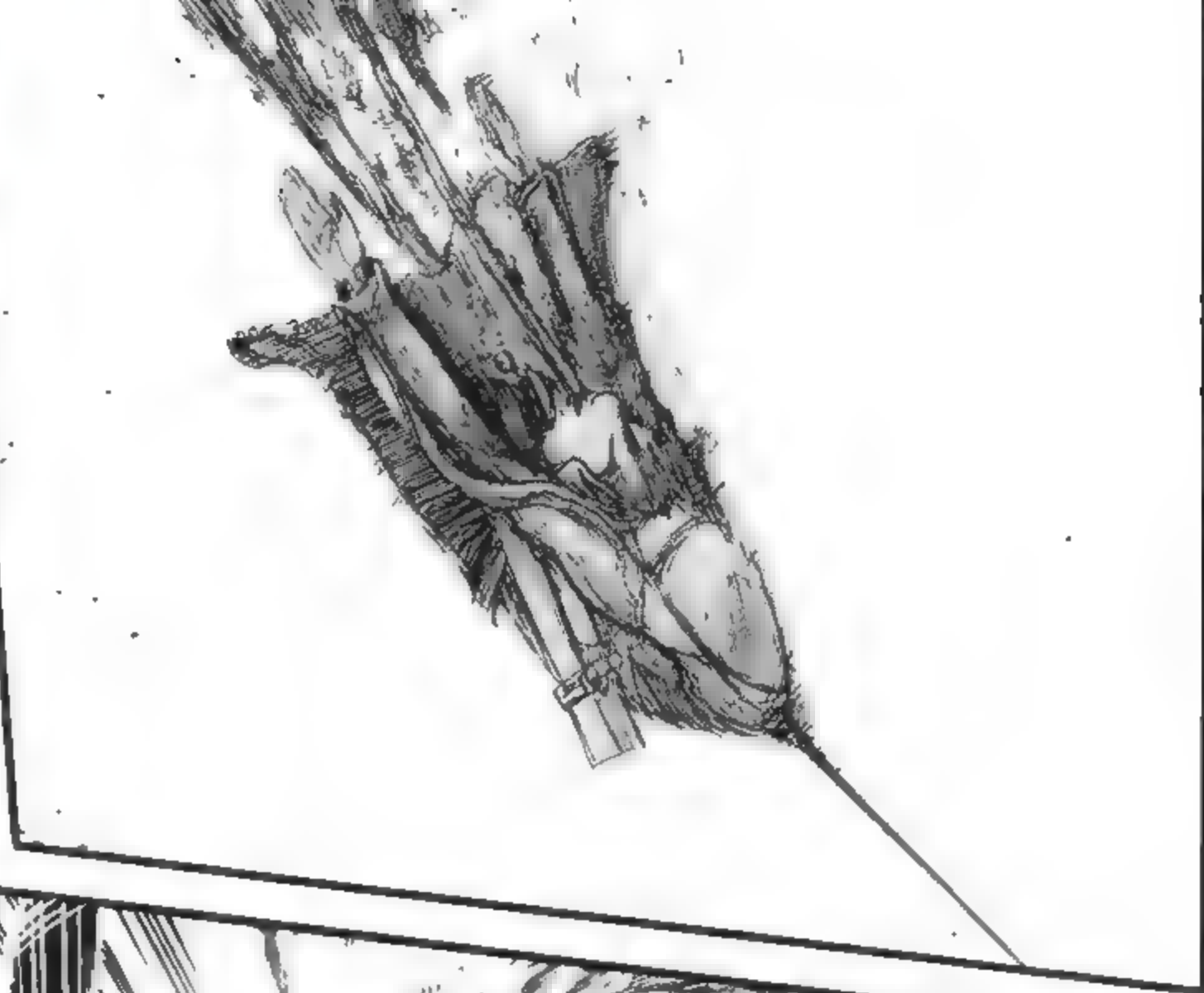
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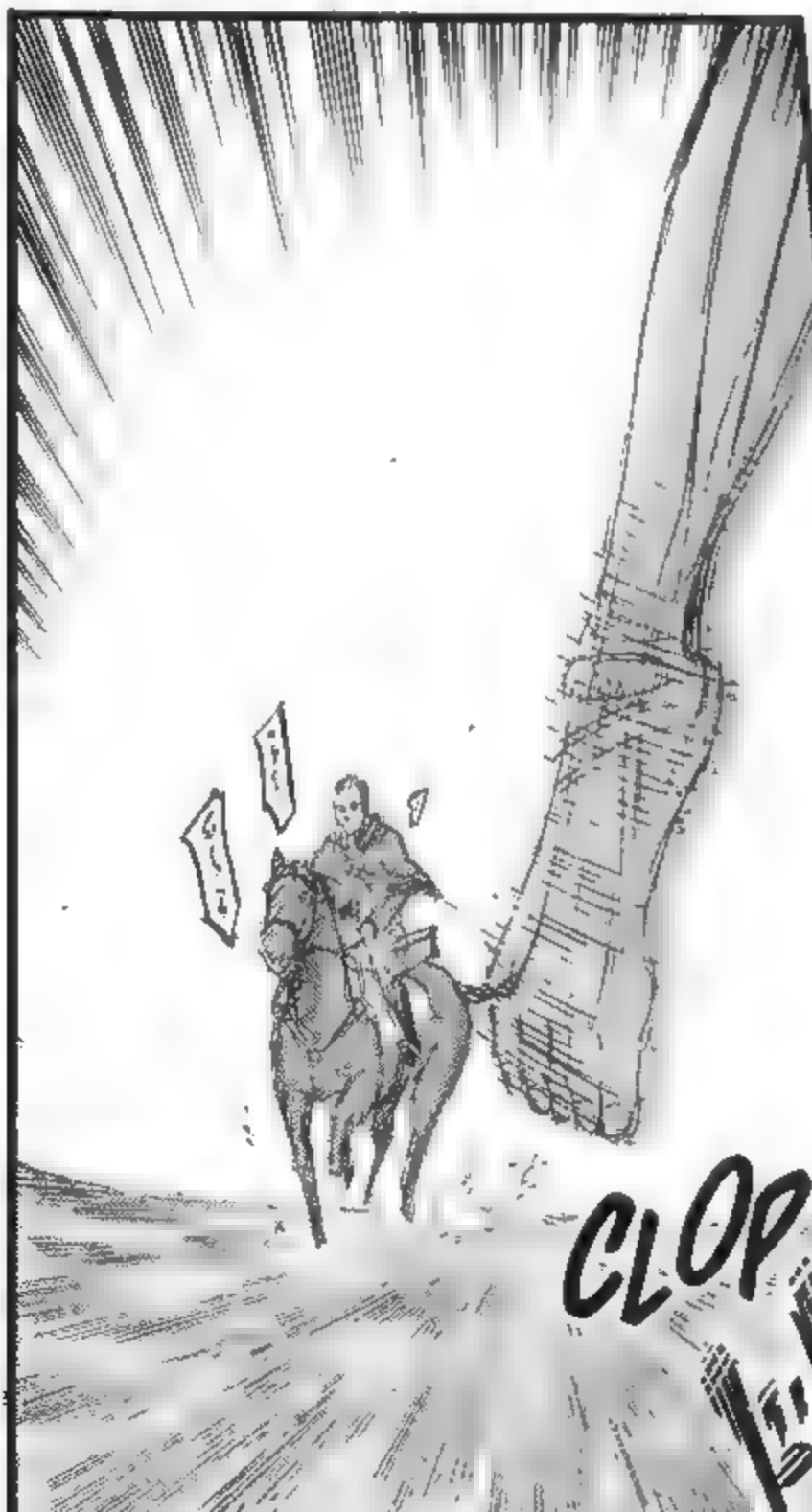
WHIZZ

U-PA!

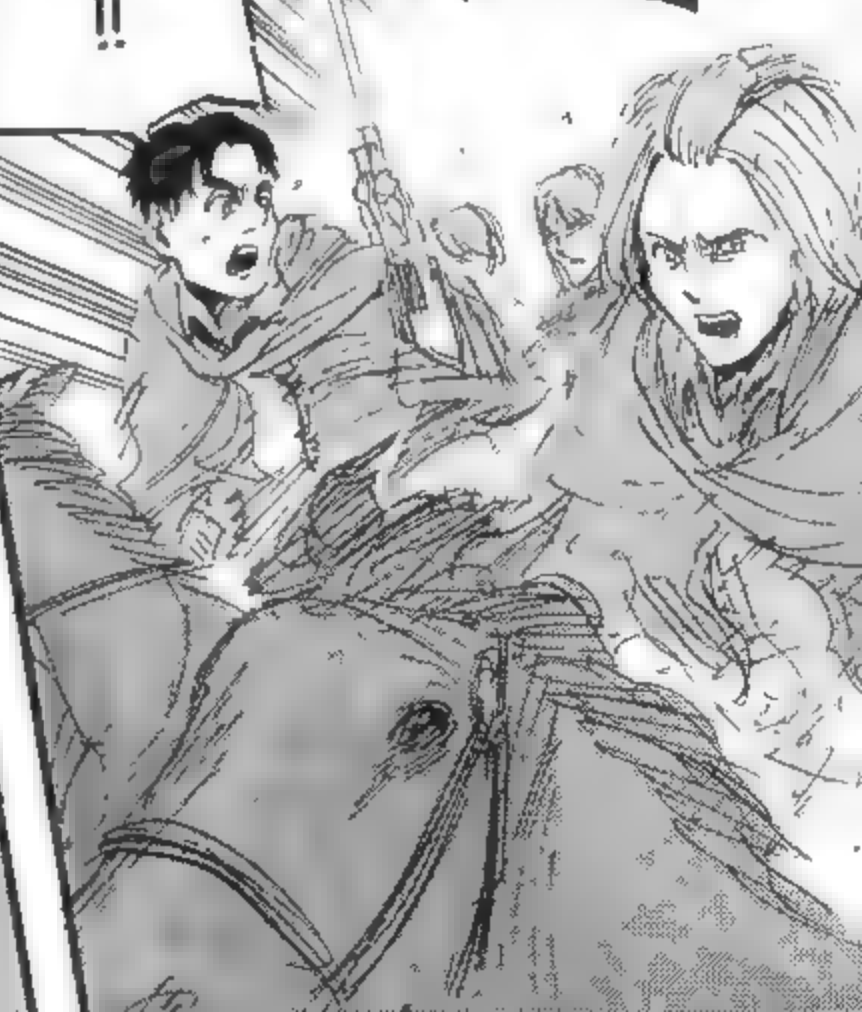


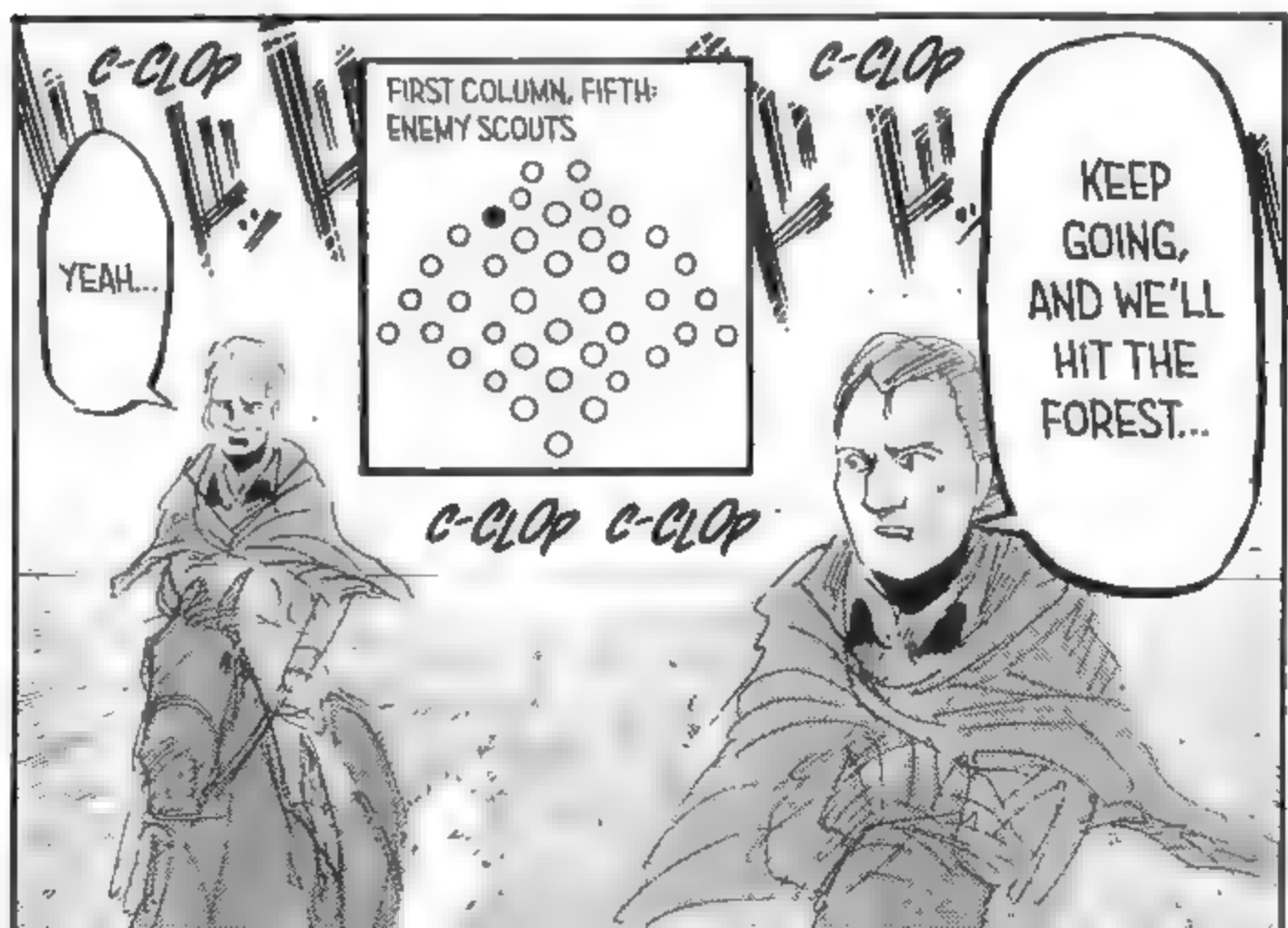














RELAY
THIS TO
THE
REAR:

"ONLY THE
CENTRAL
COLUMN WAGON
ESCORTS ARE
TO ENTER THE
FOREST."

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP
C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP





C-CLOP

...

IF WE
KEEP
GOING,
WE'LL HIT
THE
FOREST,
TOO.



UM... SQUAD
LEADER, IT
LOOKS LIKE
THE CENTRAL
COLUMN IS
HEADING FOR
THE FOREST
PATH...



YES,
SIR
....!

C-CLOP

?!
C-CLOP

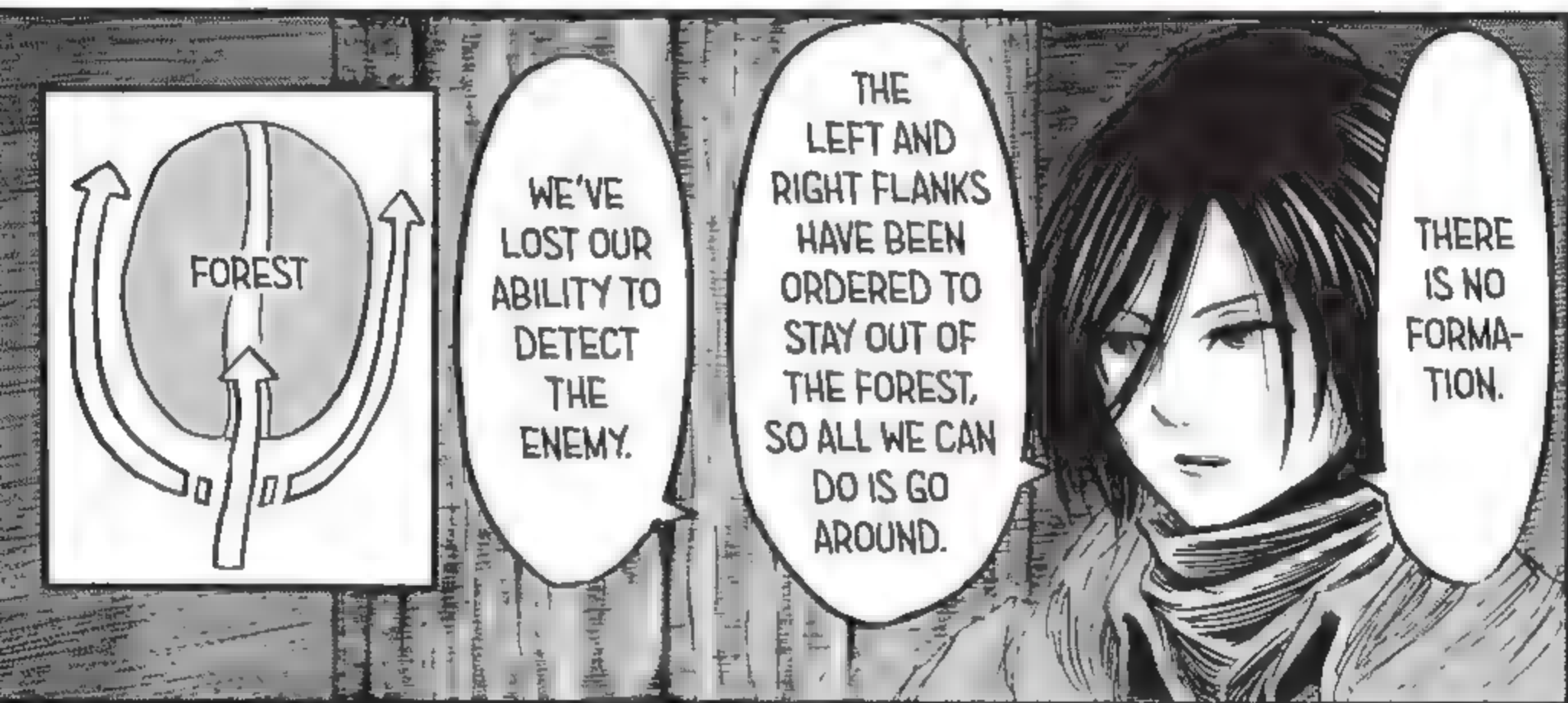
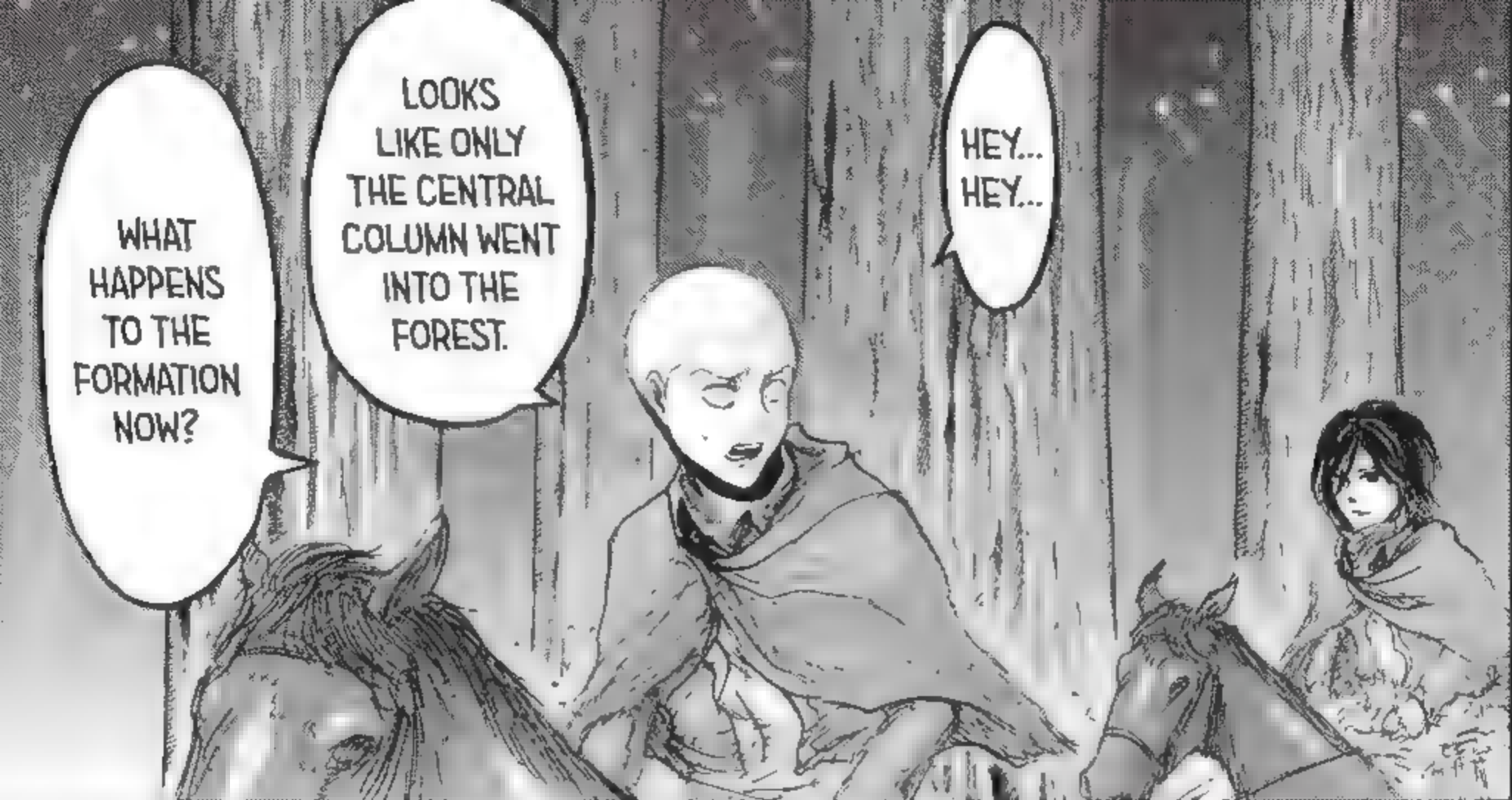
C-CLOP
C-CLOP
C-CLOP

C-CLOP

WE'RE
GOING
AROUND
IT.



C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP



IT'S POSSIBLE WE
WERE PUSHED IN THIS
DIRECTION TRYING TO
AVOID THE TITAN
THREAT ON OUR RIGHT
FLANK... PERHAPS.

...I
DON'T
KNOW.

C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP
C-CLOP C-CLOP C-CLOP
C-CLOP

WHAT?

CAPTAIN
LEVY!!

CAPTAIN
H



SIR, HOW
ARE WE
SUPPOSED
TO AVOID
THE TITANS
AND
PROTECT
THE
WAGONS?

WITH JUST
THE CENTRAL
COLUMN HERE,
WE CAN'T DETECT
APPROACHING
TITANS!

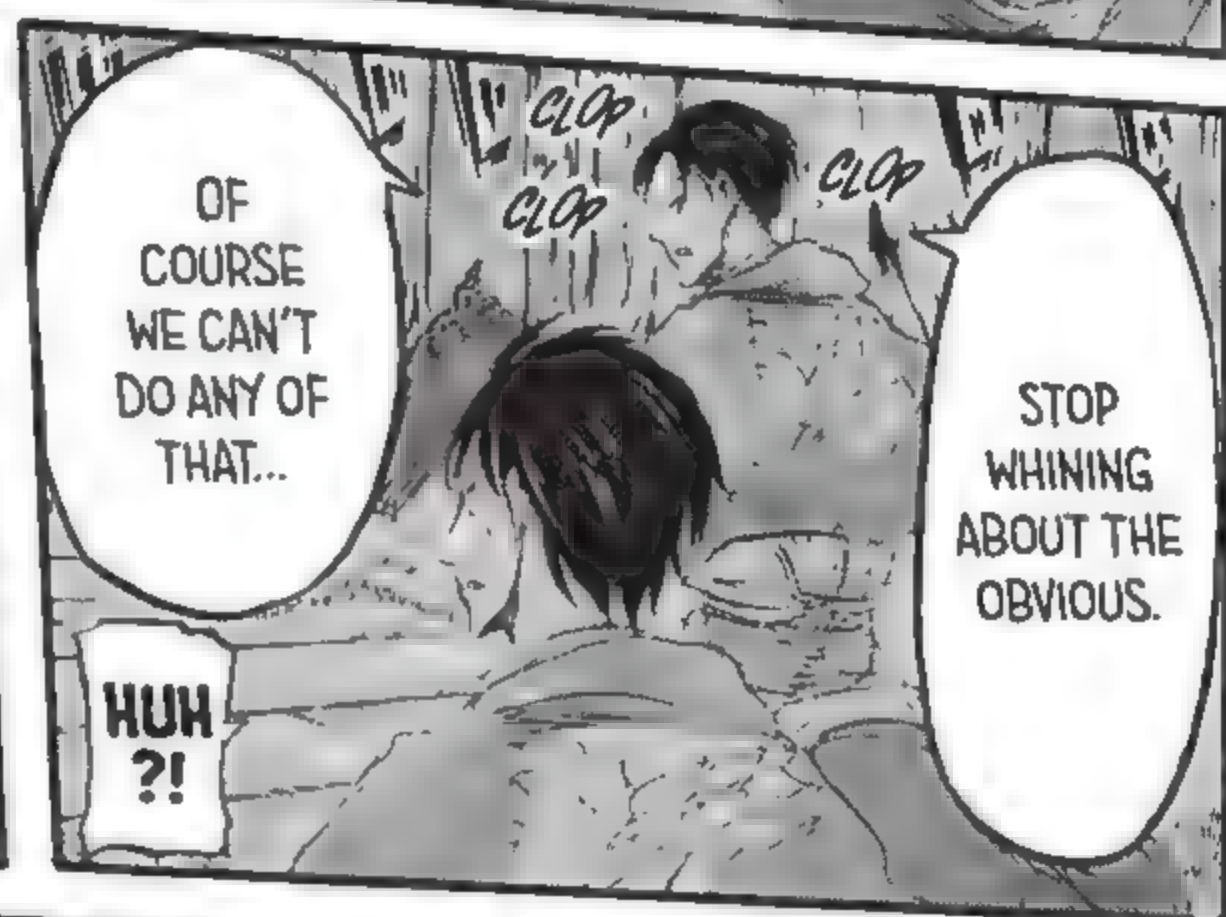
"WHAT"?!
SIR,
WE'RE IN
THE
FOREST!

AND SOME-
THING'S
COMING ON
OUR RIGHT
FLANK...



LOOK
AROUND
YOU.

WH-
WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING
...?!



OF
COURSE
WE CAN'T
DO ANY OF
THAT...

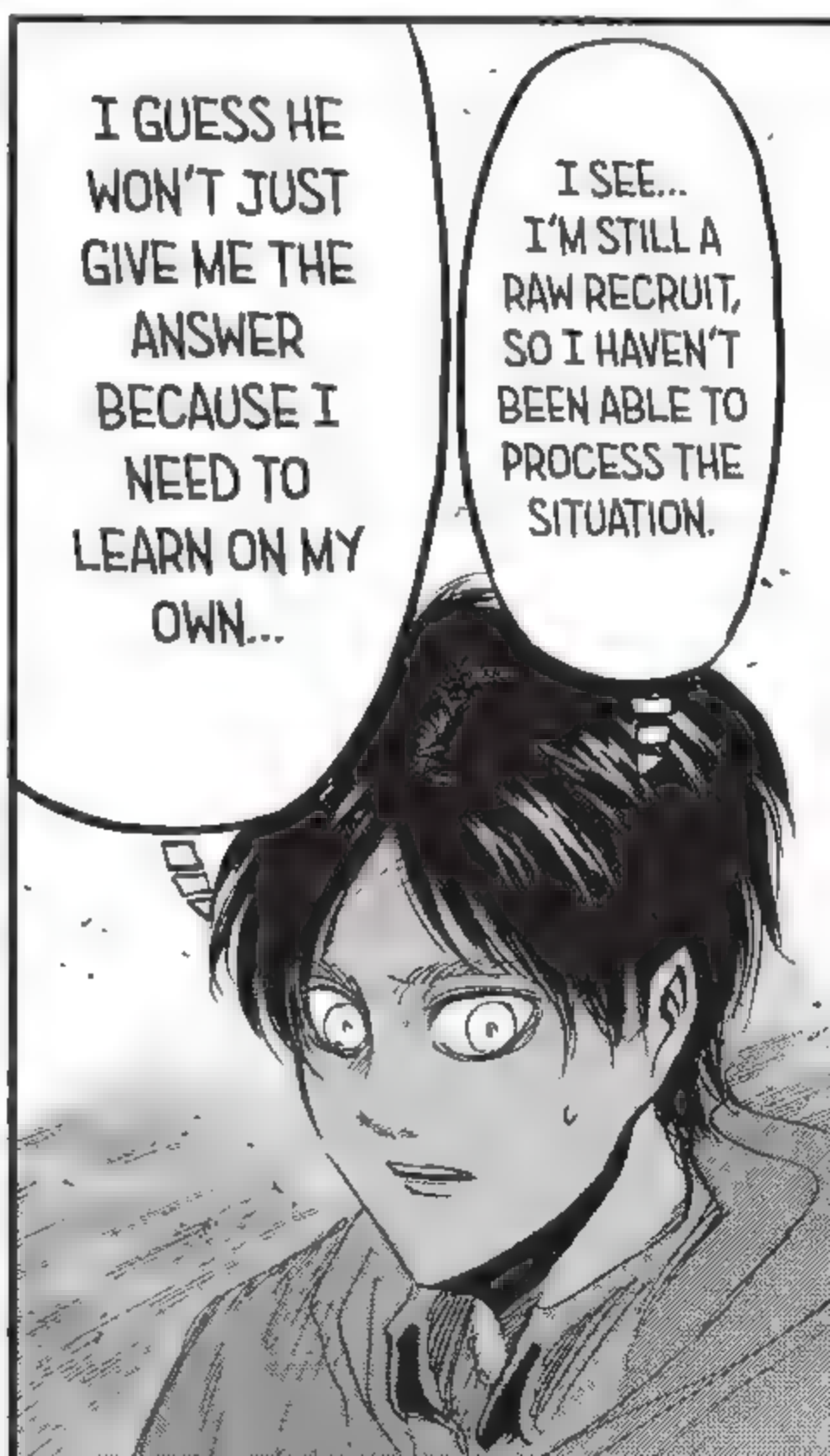
HUH
?!

STOP
WHINING
ABOUT THE
OBVIOUS.



...ARE THE
PERFECT
ENVIRONMENT
FOR VERTICAL
MANEUVERING
GEAR.

THESE
OVERGROWN
TREES...





NO ONE
GETS
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE...?



DON'T
TELL
ME...
**NO
ONE**
KNOWS
...?



WAIT
A
SEC-
OND
...!



MAYBE
NOT EVEN
CAPTAIN
LEVI
KNOWS...



IT
CAME
FROM
RIGHT
BEHIND
US!!

W-WHAT
WAS
THAT
NOISE
...?!

WHOOM



ALL
OF YOU...
PEOPLE...

WAS
IT THAT
THING ON
THE RIGHT
FLANK...?



DRAW
YOUR
SWORDS.

SHAA



IF
THAT THING
APPEARS, IT
WILL ALL BE
OVER...

WOOSH

WOOSH

WOOSH

....IN A
FLASH.



12. The Titan Forest



THERE ARE FORESTS OF GIANT TREES BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALL. THEY GROW WILD ALONG THE BORDER OF ONE DISTRICT, AVERAGING A HEIGHT OF OVER 80 METERS.* NO ONE KNOWS WHY TREES OF THIS SIZE EXIST, BUT SOME HAVE PROPOSED THE NATURE OF THE SOIL AS THE CAUSE. BEFORE THE FALL OF WALL MARIA, PEOPLE MAINTAINED THE FOREST AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION. WITHOUT HUMAN INTERCESSION IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE AREA HAS FALLEN INTO RUIN, WITH THE FOREST PATH MOSTLY SWALLOWED UP BY WEEDS AND TREES, ALTHOUGH PARTS OF THE PATH REMAIN INTACT FROM THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE TITANS THROUGH THE WOODS. THE FOREST HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT BASE FOR THE SURVEY CORPS, USED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE TITANS WHILE ON EXPEDITIONS OUTSIDE THE WALL. (WITH THANKS TO UKYŌ KODACHI AND KIYOMUNE MIWA.)

* ABOUT 260 FEET.